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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (P A R A 2 G A R B L E D)

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ILO PLAB TS
SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO GOT RE ROLE OF TUNISIAN ILO CONFERENCE
DELEGATION

REF: STATE 128992 AND GENEVA 4406

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF STATE TEL I SOUGHT APPOINTMENT
YESTERDAY WITH PRIME MINISTER OR FOREIGN MINISTER TO MAKE
RECOMMENDED DEMARCHE RE CONDUCT OF TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT
DELEGATES ENNACEUR AND CHERIF AT CURRENT ILO CONFERENCE.
BECAUSE OF INVOLVEMENT OF PRIMIN AND FONMIN WITH TUNISIAN-
LIBYAN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE AND ARRIVAL OF ARAB LEAGUE SYG
AND LIBYAN FON MIN, I SAM NOUREDDINE MEJDOUB, DIRECTOR EUROPEAN/
AMERICAN DIVISION, MOFA (EQUIVALENT TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY).

2. I FOUND MEJDOUB QUITE AU COURANT ON SUBJECT MATTER,
AS IT HAD BEEN COVERED WITH HIM LAST WEEK BY EMBASSY
POL OFF WHO LEFT LENGTHY AIDE-MEMOIRE STRESSING IMPORTANCE-
U.S. ATTACHES TO SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THIS YEAR'S
CONFERENCE. WHEN MAKING MY POINTS (FOLLOWING FIRST THREE
PARAS REF GENEVA TEL) I ASKED THAT OUR COMPLAINT BE
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CONVEYED PROMPTLY TO PRIME MINISTER NOUIRA AND FOREIGN
MINISTER CHATTY. MEJDOUB SAID THAT HE WOULD DO SO BY
URGENT MEMORANDUM WITHIN HALF HOUR OF OUR TALK. HE ADDED
THAT NOUIRA HAD ALREADY BEEN APPRISED BY PHONE CALL FROM
AMBASSADOR ALI HEDDA IN WASHINGTON OVER UNFRIENDLY DISPOSITION
OF ENNACEUR AND CHERIF. MEJDOUB PROMISED TO OBTAIN EARLY
REACTION.

3. I LAID PARTICULAR STRESS IN MY DEMARCHE ON LONG-TERM U.S. OBJECTIVES AND OUR FEELING THAT ARABS AND AFRICANS WERE PUTTING SHORT-TERM POLITICAL AND TACTICAL GAINS AHEAD OF WELFARE OF THIS ONCE AND POTENTIALLY STILL USEFUL ORGANIZATION. IF, AS WE UNDERSTOOD IT, GOT POLICY IS TO HELP KEEP U.S. IN ILO ENNACEUR AND CHERIF MIGHT BE REMINDED, I SAID, THAT THEIR CURRENT ACTIVITIES WERE NOT CONDUCTIVE TO THAT END.

4. AFTER FOREGOING WAS IN DRAFT EMBASSY POLOFF WAS ASKED TO COME TO MOFA FOR FURTHER ON THIS ISSUE. WE SHALL REPORT ON THAT MEETING IN NEXT FEW HOURS.
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